

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: E. H. Lee
KENSHIROU ABE, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 1732
Application No.: 10/767,720)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 6074
Filed: January 30, 2004)	
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For: RESIN MOLDING AND ITS)	January 3, 2007
MANUFACTURING METHOD AND :	:	
RESIN INJECTING APPARATUS)	
USED FOR THE SAME	:	

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 1, 2006.

In the action, it was alleged that the claims of Groups I, II and III are distinct because they are related as process of making and product made (Groups I and II), as process and apparatus for its practice (Groups I and III), and as apparatus and product made (Groups III and II), and because they have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification. These allegations are respectfully traversed. It is submitted that the amount of effort required by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office would be lessened by permitting all of the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application. The alternative is

to proceed with the filing of multiple applications, consisting of the same disclosure, and being subjected to substantially the same search, perhaps by different Examiners on different occasions, with the resultant burden on the Patent and Trademark Office. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider the requirement for restriction and allow the claims presently in the application to be prosecuted in a single application.

Nevertheless, in order to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.143, Applicants provisionally elect the claims of Group I, namely Claims 1-7.

Due consideration and prompt passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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